

Woody Biomass Harvesting and Utilization Workshops

Workshop content

This workshop will address practical considerations of harvesting and utilizing woody biomass. Specifically:

- 1) Existing and potential markets for woody biomass,
- 2) Ways that biomass harvesting can create new management opportunities
- 3) Realistic volume estimates for current local natural resource management approaches,
- 4) Potential site impacts with particular emphasis on soil and wildlife;
- 5) Local markets for woody biomass.

Target audience

This workshop is for natural resource professionals and others who manage woodlands and brushlands. Separate workshops targeting loggers and landowners will be offered later in 2006. Continuing education credits will be available for Certified Foresters, Forest Stewardship Plan Prepares and others.

Workshop dates and locations:

Grand Rapids, MN: Monday March 20, 2006,
8:30am – 4:00pm, Ruttger's Sugar Lake Lodge,
37584 Otis Lane, Cohasset MN 55721, 800-450-4555
St. Cloud, MN: Tuesday March 21, 2006, 8:30am – 4:00pm,
Best Western Kelly Inn, Hwy 23 and 4th Ave. South,
St. Cloud, MN 56302, 320-253-0606
Rochester, MN: Friday March 24, 2006, 8:30am – 4:00pm,
Heinz Center, Rochester Community and Technical
College, 863 30th Avenue SE, Rochester, MN 55904,
507-536-6310

The content of the workshop is the same in three locations.
To register, tear off and mail in the registration panel.
Workshop details online at www.extension.umn.edu/woodlands/biomass/.

Instructors (may vary by location)

Session I: Impacts of biomass harvesting on soil, site productivity and wildlife

Mike Demchik, *Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point*

Rick Horton, *Minnesota Regional Wildlife Biologist*

Steve Merchant, *Forest Wildlife Program Coordinator, MN DNR*

Jodie Provost, *Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Specialist, MN DNR*

Session II: Opportunities for biomass marketing

Robert Bartz, *President, Palisade Supply Inc.*

Gary Cerkvinnik, *Engineer, Virginia-Hibbing Power Plant*

Wade Gordon, *Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College*

Kerry Nixon, *General Manager, Central Minnesota Ethanol Co-op*

Session III: Site potential for biomass production

Jana Albers, *Pest and Disease Management Specialist, MN DNR*

Don Arnosti, *President, Community Forestry Resource Center, Institute for Agriculture Trade and Policy*

Susan Burks, *Pest and Disease Management Specialist, MN DNR*

Dean Current, *Director, Center for Integrated Agriculture and Natural Resources Management, University of Minnesota*

Mike Demchik, *Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point*

Ed Hayes, *Pest and Disease Management Specialist, MN DNR*

Keith Jacobson, *Wood Utilization and Marketing Program Leader, MN DNR*

Greg Russell, *RC&D Forester, MN DNR*

Dean Schmidt, *Coordinator, WesMin RC&D*

Lance Sorensen, *Wood Utilization and Marketing Specialist, MN DNR*

Cost

The registration fee is \$20 per person, including lunch and refreshments. Most workshop expenses are funded by USDA Biomass R&D Initiatives. The \$20 registration fee covers materials reproduction, lunch, and refreshments.

For more information, please contact either Mike Demchik (715-295-8910 or mdemchik@uwsp.edu) or Diomy Zamora (218-828-2332 or zamor015@umn.edu) www.extension.umn.edu/woodlands/biomass

Workshop Registration

Name

Agency

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Telephone

E-mail address

Please select that workshop date and location you want to attend:

_____ Grand Rapids, MN: March 20, 2006 (Monday)

_____ St. Cloud, MN: March 21, 2006 (Tuesday)

_____ Rochester, MN: March 24, 2006 (Friday)

Registration Fee:

\$ _____ enclosed

Make check payable to: University of Minnesota
We cannot accept credit cards.

Please send registration form and remittance to:

Woody Biomass Harvesting and Utilization
Attention: Stephanie Oberg
Sustainable Forests Education Cooperative
175 University Road
Cloquet, MN 55720

This registration form and remittance are your workshop confirmation – please retain a copy for your records.



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ABUNDANT RENEWABLE RESOURCE
IN THE UPPER MIDWEST, WITH
SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL FOR
INCREASED HARVEST AND
UTILIZATION. WOODY BIOMASS
SOURCES INCLUDE LOGGING
SLASH, PRODUCTS FROM
PRECOMMERCIAL SILVICULTURAL
TREATMENTS, AND BRUSHLAND
HARVEST. THIS WORKSHOP,
FOR NATURAL RESOURCES
PROFESSIONALS, IS DESIGNED
TO ENSURE SUSTAINABILITY
AND ENHANCE KNOWLEDGE IN
WOODY BIOMASS PRODUCTION,
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